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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006, the period for response having been extended to May 10, 2006, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.